

unfortunate Staps out of my mind. The more I think on the subject the more I am perplexed. I never can believe that a young man of his age, a German, one who has received a good education, a Protestant too, could have conceived and attempted such a crime. The Italians are said to be a nation of assassins, but no Italian ever attempted my life. This affair is beyond my comprehension. Impure how Staps died, am I let me know/
"1 obtained from General Linner the informal inn which the Emperor desired. I learned that Staps, whose attempt on the Emperor's life was made on the 1st of October, was executed at seven o'clock in the morning of the 1st of February, having refused to take any sustenance since the 1st of March. When any food was brought to him he rejected it, saying, 'I shall be strong enough to walk to the scaffold.' When he was told that peace was concluded he evinced extreme sorrow, and was seized with trembling. < Me reaching the place of execution he exclaimed loudly, 'Liberty forever! Germany forever! Death to the tyrant !'
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Such are the notes which I committed to paper after conversing with Rapp, as we were walking together in the garden of the former hotel of Muntmorin, in which Rapp resided. I recollect, his showing me the knife taken from Staps, which the Kniperor had given him ; it, was merely a common carving-knife, such as is used in kitchens. To these details may be added a very remarkable circumstance, which I received from another but not less authentic source. I have been assured that the attempt of the German Mutius Scaevola had a marked influence on the concessions which the Emperor made, because he feared that Staps, like him who attempted the life of Porsennius, might, have imitators among the illuminati of Germany.

It is well known that after the battle of Vaggrini conferences were opened at Iluab. Although peace was almost absolutely necessary for both powers, and the two Emperors appeared to desire it equally, it, was not, however, concluded. It is worthy of remark that the delay was occasioned by Bonaparte. Negotiations were therefore suspended, and M.